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400 CITIES JOIN RAT CAMPAIGN

With more cities coming in every day, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today announced that more than 400 cities of 10,000 or more population have joined the National Urban Rat Control Campaign to "Feed People - Not Rats."

"There is no more effective way of cooperating in the Emergency Food Conservation Program, than the wholehearted active participation of major cities, through local citizen committees, in this all-out drive against rats - public enemy number one," Secretary Krug said. The cities are mobilized behind the rat control drive to save the major portion of the 200 million bushels of grain destroyed or contaminated each year by rats.

Concentrating on the theme "Build them out, starve them out and kill them off" local rat control committees are advised by experts of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"To use the words of Mayor J. H. Blair of East Point, Georgia, 'we now have the rats underground and are going in after them'," Hamilton M. Warren, chairman of the National Committee for Rat Control and vice president of the National Carbon Company of New York, declared. "Each new city joining the campaign brings us closer our goal of saving the two billion dollars that rats cost this nation each year."

In addition to the 200 cities announced April 4, the following 205 cities have joined the campaign:

ARKANSAS: Texarkana.

CALIFORNIA: Bakersfield, Marysville, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Ana, Visalia, Yuba City.

CONNECTICUT: New Haven, New London, Stamford, Stratford, Torrington.

DELAWARE: Wilmington.

FLORIDA: Daytona Beach, Orlando, St. Augustine, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach.

ILLINOIS: Cairo, Centralia, Chicago Heights, Collinsville, Dixon, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Moline, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Streator.

INDIANA: Elkhart, Elwood, Fort Wayne, Hammond, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, Kokomo, Lafayette, Shelbyville, Sheridan.

IOWA: Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Muscatine, Ottumwa.

KANSAS: Lawrence, Pittsburg, Salina.

KENTUCKY: Ashland, Bowling Green, Louisville, Maysville, Paducah.

MAINE: Bangor.

MARYLAND: Annapolis, Cambridge, Cumberland, Hagerstown, Salisbury.

MASSACHUSETTS: Attleboro, Brockton, Dedham, Gardner, Greenfield, Holyoke, Quincy, Reading, Woburn, Worcester.

MICHIGAN: Bay City, Dearborn, Escanaba, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Mt. Clemens, Port Huron, Saginaw, St. Clair Shores.

MINNESOTA: Duluth, Fairbault, St. Paul, Virginia, Worthington.

MISSISSIPPI: Greenville, Kosciusko, Meridian, Natchez.

NEBRASKA: Beatrice, Grand Island, Hastings, Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Berlin, Keene, Nashua.

NEW JERSEY: Carteret, Garfield, Jersey City, Kearny, Long Branch, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Orange, Paterson, Plainfield, Ridgewood, Roselle, Summit.

NEW YORK: Amsterdam, Floral Park, Gloversville, Little Falls, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Oneida, Oneonta, Ossining, Syracuse, White Plains.

NORTH CAROLINA: Concord, Durham, Fayetteville, Gastonia, High Point, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Thomasville.

NORTH DAKOTA: Fargo.

OHIO: Ashtabula, Campbell, Chillicothe, Elyria, Marietta, New Boston.

OKLAHOMA: Chickasha, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Seminole, Wewoka.

OREGON: Bend.

PENNSYLVANIA: Ambridge, Ardmore, Bethlehem, Bristol, Charleroi, Connellsville, Duquesne, Hanover, Kingston, Lansdowne, Pittston, Scranton, Stowe.

RHODE ISLAND: Woonsocket.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Columbia, Greenwood.

TEENNESSEE: Chattanooga, Jackson.

TEXAS: Abilene, Amarillo, Beaumont, Brownwood, Bryan, Cleburne, Denison, Denton, Harlingen, Highland Park, McAllen, Paris, San Angelo, San Benito.

VIRGINIA: Danville, Harrisonburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond.

WASHINGTON: Bremerton, Spokane, Tacoma, Walla Walla.

WEST VIRGINIA: Charleston, Fairmont, Moundsville, Parkersburg.

WISCONSIN: Cudahy, Janesville, Madison, Waukesha,

WYOMING: Sheridan.

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